

Mayor's Message

December 2009

The holiday season is here. It is an appropriate time to focus on the good things in our lives and express appreciation to those around us. I am humbled by the results of the November election and feel honored to be able to continue to serve you and our community. Election seasons are always enlightening and the conversations we had on your doorsteps are going to be important for the future direction of our City. I look forward to continuing our dialogue throughout my term in office.

It has been a pleasure for me to serve with Robbie Robertson and Pat Griffiths during their time on the City Council. I will miss their individual talents, dedication and focus on the many issues we worked on together. They leave a great legacy of service and I wish them well as they move on to other efforts. I look forward to working with our new Council members, Darren Stam and Jared Shaver. All those who are willing to put their names on a ballot with a desire to serve you should be commended for their efforts.

As we look to the end of 2009, I feel a sense of optimism for the coming years. We have struggled with our City finances, just as I know many of you have with your personal budgets. There will be challenges ahead as we work to begin planning next year's tight budget and necessary projects. I look forward to continuing many of the productive programs that make your lives better. That is my goal each day - finding ways to improve the lives of those who reside in our City.

As we move into the holiday season, may I offer a suggestion? If we would each commit to participate in an act of kindness for someone in the community, imagine the increased unity we would enjoy. Once again, thank you for all you do to make our City a wonderful place to live. I wish you all a safe, peaceful and happy holiday season!